

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Art Unit

3618

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Request for Continued Examination and Amendment filed 8/12/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 32-58.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination / Amendment

1. The Request for Continued Examination and amendment filed 8/12/2004 has been entered. Claims 1-6, 10-14, and 21-31 being cancelled and new claims 32 to 58 being added by the amendment, claims 7-9, 15-20 and 32-58 are pending in the application with claims 7-9 and 15-20 having been withdrawn from further consideration.

Response to Argument

2. Applicant's arguments relative to the claims newly added by the amendment has been found to be persuasive in regard to the patentability over the prior art of record and the prior art of the examiner's updated search.

Ready for Allowance - Cancellation of Non-elected Claims

3. The application being in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 7-9 and 15-20, an examiner's amendment canceling claim 7-9 and 15-20 as being drawn to non-elected species follows.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. Authorization for this examination was given to the examiner in a telephone interview with the Attorney of Record, Mr. Marc Gagnon, Reg. No. 51,273, on 9 September 2004.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 7-9 and 15-20.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 32 to 58 are allowed.


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Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this or earlier communication(s) from the examiner should be directed to Gerald B. Klebe at 703-305-0578, fax 703-872-9306; Mon.-Fri., 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM ET, or to Supervisory Patent Examiner Christopher P. Ellis, Art Unit 3618, at 703-308-2560.

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